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By Mr. Kane of Holyoke, petition of Michael F. Kane for legislation to regulate the operation of sound amplification systems by operators of motor vehicles. Transportation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM A  
SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Offi-  
2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after section 17B,  
3 the following new section:—  
4 17C. No driver of any motor vehicle shall operate or permit  
5 operation of any sound amplification system which can be heard  
6 outside the vehicle from 50 feet or more when the vehicle is being  
7 operated upon any way or in any place to which the public has a  
8 right of access, or upon any way or in any place to which mem-  
9 bers of the public have access as invitees or licensees, unless such  
10 system is being operated to request assistance or warn of a haz-  
11 ardous situation. This section does not apply to authorized emer-  
12 gency vehicles. An operator of a motor vehicle who violates the  
13 provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less  
14 than \$100.